

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,

**Excused Absence-** Alderman Ptak and Schneider

**PUBLIC HEARING-opened at 7:08 p.m.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to open the public hearing giving interested parties an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed appropriation of funds for the City of La Salle for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

There were no objections or comments during the public hearing.

**Public Hearing Closed-7:10 p.m.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to close the public hearing and return to regular session.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 are accepted and placed on file.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request for a 2014 Raffle License to ADV/SAS (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service).

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for June 2014 totaling \$16,546.20. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A thank you from the Kid's Fishing Committee was recognized.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the thank you from the Kid's Fishing Committee be placed on file.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for May 2014 of \$24,872.46.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

No appointments were made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the completion of the Storm Water Contact Chlorination Tank Rehabilitation project and related matters.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve alternates associated with the OSLAD grant, additional funding with the DCEO grant and the added expenditure to install street lighting to the park at Rotary Park.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Alderman Bacidore brought up concerns regarding the effect video gaming establishments are having on local tavern owners. He told the council that he believes licenses should only be issued to people from the area. Mayor Grove explained that we will follow whatever the State determines and that the philosophy is that it is a free market and the market drives business. The Mayor indicated he would actually like to increase the number of licenses available, as the current maximum of ten have already been spoken for. The Mayor stated that video gambling is a revenue source and brings people to the City. Attorney McPhedran said that restrictions regarding residency could be imposed, but would have to be done carefully so not to discriminate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The issue of naming rights at Rotary Park was briefly discussed among the council members.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve naming rights for the electronic scoreboard to reflect the donor's names of Toedter Oil Co., Inc., David and Carla Margis Family and the Eric and Rhonda Toedter family, and the shelter for Eureka Savings Bank and authorize the proposed improvements.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Alderman Bacidore indicated that he feels the City is hurting for workers at the city garage. Mayor Grove indicated two workers are out on injury but remain on the payroll therefore we have no plans to hire. Mayor Grove asked that available staff be used as efficiently as possible.

Alderman Duncan commended the Police Department and specifically the three officers involved in a recent incident that was video recorded and posted on You Tube for how well they handled the situation and how difficult their job is. Mayor Grove concurred.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution 201413** a resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Resolution 201413: a resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds. (LaFayette Street CDAP Grant)**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Resolution 201414** a resolution of authorizing intervention in property tax assessment appeals. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Resolution 201414: a resolution authorizing intervention in property tax assessment appeals.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2496:** an ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Ordinance 2496: an ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.**

Regarding the issue of raising fees pertaining to high grass and weeds, Attorney McPhedran asked for a bit more guidance from the council in order to re-draft our current ordinance to reflect the council's wishes on this issue. Alderman Demes indicated the council wants to match what Streator charges which includes a \$95/hour fee for grass cutting, a \$60 equipment charge and a \$35 vehicle charge, totaling \$190. Discussion followed. Attorney McPhedran stated that he can have a draft ordinance ready for the August 26 council meeting.

## **COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Kasap, retired electrician, commended and thanked the council for taking a pro-active approach to working to establish an electrical contractor license in the City.

Alderman Lavieri clarified that Resolution 201413 passed earlier pertained to the La Fayette Street water main project.

Don Aleksy reminded the council of an open house being held at 757 First Street from 4-7 p.m. on July 31, 2014.

Superintendent of Public Works, Jeff Bumgarner thanked Illinois Cement for their recent donation of manpower and machinery to clean up the area behind the wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor Grove thanked Jeff and his crew for doing a great job with recent water main breaks.

Mayor Grove thanked John Duncan and staff for their hard work and extra hours during the recent billing system conversion. Mayor Grove thanked the residents as well for their patience and cooperation.

Mayor Grove explained that several projects will be starting including the La Fayette Street water main replacement nearer to the fall, trees are coming down in the parks due to the beetle, Becks is starting construction, Casey's is deep into construction and the sidewalk and street program will also be occurring in the next few months.

Alderman Demes reiterated what a great partner Illinois Cement has been to the City for many years.

Mayor Grove recognized intern Kara Garten who finished with the City last week after eleven months. The Mayor showed a plaque of appreciation received from the Western Illinois University Peace Corps Fellows Program that will be hung in the council chambers. Mayor Grove recognized Kara's contributions during her time with the City, specifically her contributions to pursuing the Governor's Hometown Award.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that bills submitted totaling: \$471,384.00 (Total Payroll \$174,907.35 Bills to be Paid \$151,524.41, Total Bills Paid \$144,952.24) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Ptak, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to adjourn the meeting.  
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:55 p.m.**

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Carrie Brown, City Clerk